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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by: (PS)

AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2005) Notwithstanding the 2 provisions of any general statute, charter or special act affecting the 3 noncontributory or contributory retirement systems of 4 municipality of the state, or any special act providing for a police 5 benefit fund or other retirement system, the surviving spouse of any 6 uniformed or regular member of a paid fire department or any regular 7 member of a paid police department killed in the line of duty shall be 8 eligible to receive such member's base salary until the date on which 9 such member would have been eligible to retire from service in the 10 paid fire department or paid police department, as the case may be. On 11 and after such date, the surviving spouse of such member shall be 12 eligible to receive the benefits such member would have been entitled 13 to receive and as are provided for in the retirement system in which 14 such member was a participant at the time of his or her death.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

October 1, 2005 New section Section 1

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